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departments and certain other retrenchments in items common to several major heads and shown separately in the list were effected by general orders, without calculating the effect on individual departments or major heads.

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Nominations to the Temple Committees in the Trichinopoly district.

* 126 *Q.*—Mr. K. Singam Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state when and how he proposes to make the nominations to the Temple Committees in the Trichinopoly district?

A.—The Government do not propose to make nominations to the Temple Committees in the district.

Agriculture

Enforcement of the Madras Cotton Control Act of 1932.

* 127 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state when and in what areas the Government propose to bring into force the Madras Cotton Control Act of 1932?

A.—The Madras Cotton Control Act, 1932, has been brought into force in the districts of Madura, Ramnad, Tinnevelly and Coimbatore with effect from 12th July 1932.

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—"May I know whether the Cotton Control Act has been introduced in all the districts mentioned, or in portions of each of the districts?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"Areas in which Pulichai cotton has been grown."

Education

Personnel of the Text-book Committee.

* 128 *Q.*—Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) who the ladies and gentlemen are who constitute the Text-book Committee; and

(*b*) what the principle is on the basis of which members of this Committee are appointed?

A.—(*a*) A list[a] of members of the committee is appended.

(*b*) The principles of constitution of the committee are embodied in rule 9 of the rules relating to the committee which is as follows:

Rule 9.—The Committee shall consist of not more than 40 members exclusive of the President, of whom 18

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 411–412 infra.

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shall be elected by District Secondary Education Boards as shown below and the remaining 22 shall be nominated by the Director subject to the approval of the Government:—

District Secondary Education Boards.	Number of members. to be elected.
Ganjam	1
Vizagapatam	1
Godavari	1
Kistna	1
South Arcot	1
Tanjore	1
Trichinopoly	1
Madura	1
Ramnad	1
Tinnevelly	1
Coimbatore	1
Salem	1
Malabar	1
South Kanara	1
Guntur and Nellore	1
Bellary and Anantapur ...	1
Kurnool and Cuddapah ...	1
North Arcot and Chittoor ...	1
Total ...	18

NOTE.—Where two districts are mentioned the elections will be held alternately by the District Secondary Education Boards of those districts. The first election under these rules will be held by the Guntur, Bellary, Kurnool and North Arcot Boards.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know the principles which guide the Government in having a committee of 40 members where there is a majority of nominated members? I wish to know the principle involved in the nominations."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"Men most suitable for this kind of work are nominated."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"What is the policy involved in having a representative for each district?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"No particular policy, one man for each district."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"In view of the fact that there are so many non-graduates in these committees, will the Government see that these committees are constituted with non-officials who are well versed in languages and subjects as well as officials?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"There is no need for any revision of the constitution."

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Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" How many members of these boards are themselves authors or publishers of books? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I want notice."

Amalgamation of Muslim and non-Muslim schools in the Saidapet Municipality.

* 129 *Q.*—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN: " Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state whether any Muslim Association of Saidapet has sent any representation to the Government on the amalgamation by the Chairman of the Saidapet Municipality of Muslim with non-Muslim schools in his municipality?

A.—Yes.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" May I know if the hon. Minister knows that this was the only Muslim school that has been amalgamated and in view of the Muslim Education Committee and their recommendation that this amalgamation should wait, will the Government put off the amalgamation? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" The matter has been referred to the Chairman and on receipt of his reply the matter will be carefully considered."

Excise

Exemption of clerks in the Excise Department from the rule regarding height for appointment as Excise Sub-Inspectors.

* 130 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the rules made by the Madras Services Commission do not contain any exemption with regard to exemption of height rules of clerks already employed in the Excise Department being appointed as Sub-Inspectors in the Excise Department;

(*b*) whether any memorial has been received from the Non-Gazetted Excise Officers with regard to the hardship caused by the present rules; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that exemptions have been granted to a certain number of clerks who have been deemed fit to act as Sub-Inspectors before May 1931, and if so, whether such exemption does not hold good in respect of those to whom they were granted till they have been actually appointed to the post?

A.—(*a*) The Government are not aware of any rules made by the Madras Services Commission on the subject. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Statutory Rules issued by Government for the Madras Excise Subordinate Service published at pages 644–647 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 19th May 1931. No person is eligible for appointment as Sub-Inspector of Excise unless he possesses the qualifications prescribed in rule 5 (*c*) of these rules.